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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: June 16, 2015

FROM: PATRICK E. MAXWELL, COMMANDER
SOUTH PATROL DIVISION

TO: MYRON JOHNSON, CAPTAIN
COMPTON STATION

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS

Case Number:	SH2360451
Incident:	NON HIT SHOOTING
Incident Date:	June 10, 2014
Unit:	Compton Station
Suspect:	Barry Montgomery, MB/09-11-84
Involved Employees:	Deputy Scott Guthrie #[redacted]
EFRC Date:	June 11, 2015

The Executive Force Review Committee (EFRC) consisting of Commanders Patrick E. Maxwell, David E. Halm and Ralph J. Webb met and reviewed the above case.

FINDINGS:

The EFRC determined the use of deadly force and tactics were within Department policy.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The EFRC recommended that the Unit Commander of Compton Station conduct a tactical debriefing and address the use of surveillance mode while pursuing reckless DUI vehicles. The committee also recommended that Deputy Guthrie attend Tactics and Survival Training, with particular attention to "Shoot, Don't Shoot" scenarios.

PEM:JRB:jrb

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date: March 24, 2015	Bureau/Station/Facility: Compton Station	Admin. Invest.? ☐	Hit? ☐

Incident Information

URN: 014-08969-2851-057	Date: July 10, 2014	Time: 0308	
City or Station: Compton Station	Nature of Incident: See Attached		
Location: Jamison Avenue/Torrance Boulevard, Carson			

Location Type (*check one or more*):
- ☐ Backyard
- ☐ Beach
- ☐ Business
- ☐ Freeway
- ☐ Industrial
- ☐ Park
- ☐ Parking Lot
- ☐ Residence
- ☐ Rural
- ☐ School
- ☑ Street
- Other: ______

Lighting (*check only one*):
- ☑ Darkness
- ☐ Daylight
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Street Lights

Weather (*circle only one*):
- ☑ Clear
- ☐ Cloudy
- ☐ Fog
- ☐ Rain

Distance: 8-10 feet

Incident Type (*check one or more*):
- ☐ Accidental
- ☐ Armed Person
- ☐ Fleeing Suspect
- ☐ Foot Pursuit
- ☐ Gun Take Away
- ☐ Moving Vehicle
- ☐ Sniper/Ambush
- ☐ Startle
- ☐ Struggle Involved
- ☑ Traffic Stop
- ☐ Unarmed Person
- ☐ Unintentional
- ☑ Vehicle Pursuit
- ☐ Warrant Service
- ☐ Warning Shot
- Other: ______

Initiated by (*check only one*):
- ☐ Arrest Warrant
- ☐ Call
- ☑ Observation
- ☐ One Person Unit
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Search Warrant
- ☑ Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (*check only one*):
- ☐ Detective
- ☐ Inmate Transport
- ☐ Other
- ☑ Routine Patrol

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy: 1

Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect: 0

Aero Unit? ☑ Canine Unit? ☐

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (*check only one*)	ShiftType (*check only one*)
[redacted]	Burk	Roland	A.	☑ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
[redacted]	Gutierrez	Samuel		☑ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
[redacted]	Garcia	Miguel		☑ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name		First Name		M.I.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name		First Name		M.I.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name		First Name		M.I.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph

Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(*check one or more*)
[redacted]	Meredith	Reginald	L.	☑ On Duty ☐ Present during shooting ☐ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting
				☐ On Duty ☐ Present during shooting ☐ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting

Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Williams	Jabari	A.

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Gellis	Brian	D.

PSTD Use Only

SH # ______

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See Reverse

Officer Involved Shooting

URN: 014-08969-2851-057

Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
July 10, 2014	0630	03-24-15	

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Weber	Todd	P.
[redacted]	Flores	Carlos	E.
[redacted]	Olivier	Julien	L.

Shooting / Force Information

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton:(Control)
(BI) Baton:(Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds:(Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds:(Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds:(Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Brand

(AK) AK-47
(BN) Benelli
(BR) Beretta
(BW) Browning
(CH) Charter Arms
(CO) Colt
(DA) Davis Industries
(GL) Glock
(HA) Harrington & Richardson
(HI) Hi Standard
(HK) H & K
(IT) Ithica
(IV) Iver Johnson
(JE) Jennings
(LO) Lorcin
(LU) Luger
(MA) Marlin
(MO) Mossberg
(NC) NCI aka SKS
(NA) North American
(NO) Norinco
(RA) Raven
(RM) Remington
(RG) RG
(RI) RGI
(RO) Rossi
(SW) Smith & Wesson
(SR) Sturm Ruger
(SS) SIG Sauer
(ST) Sterling
(TA) Taurus
(WE) Weatherby
(WN) Winchester
(US) US Government
(YY) Handmade (Inmate)
(XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(ZZ) Other Brand

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hand
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

Caliber

(9) 9 mm
(10) 10 mm
(12) 12 guage
(20) 20 guage
(21) .22-250
(22) .22 caliber
(23) .223 caliber
(24) .243 caliber
(25) .25 caliber
(30) .308 caliber
(35) .357 caliber
(36) 30-60 caliber
(38) .38 caliber
(40) .40 caliber
(41) .410 guage
(44) .44 caliber
(45) .45 caliber
(50) 50 mm
(SL) Slug
(WW) Other caliber

FORCE APPLIED *(one code per block)*

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
E#1	S#1	FH	SW	9	Y	Y	NN	N/A

Officer Involved Shooting
Involved Employee Information

URN: 014-08969-2851-057

Involved Employee

E 1

Employee # [redacted] | Last Name: Guthrie | First Name: Scott | M.I. A.

Sex: M | Race: W | Rank: Deputy | Unit Assignment: Compton | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 282E

ShiftTime (*circle only one*): [x] EM [ ] PM [ ] Day | ShiftType (*circle only one*): [x] Regular [ ] Overtime [ ] Off Duty | Intoxication/Drug Usage? [ ] | Substance Used:

Hospital Admission? [ ] | Hospital Name: | Coroner Case? [ ] | Coroner Case #: | Interviewed? [x]

Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 4 | Duty Time (hrs): [redacted] | Clothing (*circle only one*): [ ] Plain Clothes no Vest [ ] Plain Clothes w/ Vest [ ] Raid Jacket no Vest [ ] Raid Jacket w/ Vest [ ] Uniform no Vest [x] Uniform w/ Vest | Other Factors:

Age: [redacted] | Height: 511 | Weight: 185

Range Qualification Date: [redacted] | PPC Qualification Date: [redacted] | Laser Training Date: [redacted]

Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted] | Patrol Certification? [redacted] | Certification Unit: [redacted] | Prior Shootings? [redacted] | Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted] | Directed Force: [redacted]

Weapons Fired Brand: Smith & Wesson | Caliber: 9MM | # Shots: 1 | Weapons Fired Brand: | Caliber: | # Shots:

Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted] | Last Name: [redacted] | First Name: [redacted] | M.I. [redacted]

Field Training Officer Emp # | Last Name: | First Name: | M.I.

E

Employee # | Last Name: | First Name: | M.I.

Sex: | Race: | Rank: | Unit Assignment: | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

ShiftTime (*circle only one*): [ ] EM [ ] PM [ ] Day | ShiftType (*circle only one*): [ ] Regular [ ] Overtime [ ] Off Duty | Intoxication/Drug Usage? [ ] | Substance Used:

Hospital Admission? [ ] | Hospital Name: | Coroner Case? [ ] | Coroner Case #: | Interviewed? [ ]

Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: | Duty Time (hrs): | Clothing (*circle only one*): [ ] Plain Clothes no Vest [ ] Plain Clothes w/ Vest [ ] Raid Jacket no Vest [ ] Raid Jacket w/ Vest [ ] Uniform no Vest [ ] Uniform w/ Vest | Other Factors:

Age: | Height: | Weight:

Range Qualification Date: | PPC Qualification Date: | Laser Training Date:

Certified with Weapon Used? [ ] | Patrol Certification? [ ] | Certification Unit: | Prior Shootings? [ ] | Number of Prior Shootings: | Directed Force: [ ]

Weapons Fired Brand: | Caliber: | # Shots: | Weapons Fired Brand: | Caliber: | # Shots:

Field Training Officer Emp # | Last Name: | First Name: | M.I.

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E

Employee # | Last Name: | First Name: | M.I.

Sex: | Race: | Rank: | Unit Assignment: | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

ShiftTime (*circle only one*): [ ] EM [ ] PM [ ] Day | ShiftType (*circle only one*): [ ] Regular [ ] Overtime [ ] Off Duty | Intoxication/Drug Usage? [ ] | Substance Used:

Hospital Admission? [ ] | Hospital Name: | Coroner Case? [ ] | Coroner Case #: | Interviewed? [ ]

Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: | Duty Time (hrs): | Clothing (*circle only one*): [ ] Plain Clothes no Vest [ ] Plain Clothes w/ Vest [ ] Raid Jacket no Vest [ ] Raid Jacket w/ Vest [ ] Uniform no Vest [ ] Uniform w/ Vest | Other Factors:

Age: | Height: | Weight:

Range Qualification Date: | PPC Qualification Date: | Laser Training Date:

Certified with Weapon Used? [ ] | Patrol Certification? [ ] | Certification Unit: | Prior Shootings? [ ] | Number of Prior Shootings: | Directed Force: [ ]

Weapons Fired Brand: | Caliber: | # Shots: | Weapons Fired Brand: | Caliber: | # Shots:

Field Training Officer Emp # | Last Name: | First Name: | M.I.

Field Training Officer Emp # | Last Name: | First Name: | M.I.

See Other Side

Officer Involved Shooting
Suspect Information

URN: 014-08969-2851-057

Suspect Information

S 1	Last Name: Ruiz	First Name: Lashelle	M.I. A.
	AKA Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.
	Sex: F Race: Hispanic	Street Address: [redacted] City [redacted]	State & Zip Code: [redacted]
	Work Phone: N/A	Home Phone: [redacted] Social Security #: [redacted]	Driver's License #: [redacted]
	Age: 24 D.O.B. 09-18-89	Height: 411 Weight: 120 FBI # [redacted]	CII # [redacted]
	Booking # 4027695	Primary Charge: 245(c) PC Secondary Charge:	2800.2(a) VC
	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case # Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☑	Substance Used: Marijuana/Methamphetamines
	Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☑ Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☑
	Vehicle Make: Honda	Model: Civic	Year: 1996

S	Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.
	AKA Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.
	Sex: Race:	Street Address: City	State & Zip Code:
	Work Phone:	Home Phone: Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
	Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight: FBI #	CII #
	Booking #	Primary Charge: Secondary Charge:	
	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case # Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
	Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐ Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
	Vehicle Make	Model:	Year:

S	Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.
	AKA Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.
	Sex: Race:	Street Address: City	State & Zip Code:
	Work Phone:	Home Phone: Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
	Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight: FBI #	CII #
	Booking #	Primary Charge: Secondary Charge:	
	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case # Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
	Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐ Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
	Vehicle Make	Model:	Year:

S	Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.
	AKA Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.
	Sex: Race:	Street Address: City	State & Zip Code:
	Work Phone:	Home Phone: Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
	Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight: FBI #	CII #
	Booking #	Primary Charge: Secondary Charge:	
	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case # Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
	Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐ Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
	Vehicle Make	Model:	Year:

See Other Side

SUPPLEMENTAL EMPLOYEE WITNESSES
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Barre	Brian		3235 Lakewood Boulevard (Aero Bureau)	90808	562 421-2701	562 496-4785
Wolfhope	James	R.	3235 Lakewood Boulevard (Aero Bureau)	90808	562 421-2701	562 496-4785

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY
DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTING: NON HIT – VEHICLE PURSUIT
SH#2360451
URN 014-08969-2851-057

DATE / TIME / LOCATIONS

Thursday, July 10, 2014
0308 Hours
Jamison Avenue/Torrance Boulevard, Carson (Location of shooting)
Rosecrans Avenue/Pannes Avenue, Compton (Initiation of pursuit)

On July 10, 2014, at approximately 0308 hours, Deputy Samuel Gutierrez, #[redacted] was working Compton Station Unit 283E, a regular patrol unit. While in the area of McMillan Street and Pannes Avenue, Deputy Gutierrez' attention was drawn to a white Honda Civic, which was traveling east toward Thorson Avenue. The white Honda was traveling at a high rate of speed, and on the wrong side of the road. The white Honda also failed to stop at the posted stop sign on Thorson Avenue and McMillan Street, and did not stop at the solid red traffic light located at Thorson Avenue and Rosecrans Avenue.

IAB Note: Area maps are included in this case book. See **Exhibit D**.

Based on his observations, Deputy Gutierrez formed the opinion that the driver of the white Honda (later identified as Lashelle Ruiz, FH/24) was driving the vehicle while intoxicated. Deputy Gutierrez then attempted to stop the vehicle by activating his patrol unit's red lights and siren. Suspect Ruiz failed to stop her vehicle, and continued westbound on Rosecrans Avenue at a high rate of speed. Deputy Gutierrez then initiated a pursuit of the suspect, and requested emergency clearance on the radio. He then began to broadcast that he was in pursuit of the suspect, and continuously gave updates of the suspect's actions, and their location. Deputy Miguel Garcia, #[redacted] working Compton Station Unit 284E, joined the pursuit shortly after it was initiated.

The suspect continued to drive the vehicle erratically, failing to stop at red traffic lights, and on numerous occasions drove on the wrong side of the road. Deputies Roland Burk, #[redacted] and Scott Guthrie, #[redacted] working Compton Station Unit 282E also joined the pursuit, approximately two minutes after it was initiated. Aero Unit 24,

manned by Deputies James Wolfhope, #[redacted] and Brian Barre, #[redacted] also advised that they were en-route, in order to assist with the pursuit.

The pursuit of the suspect traversed several city streets, and eventually the suspect drove onto south Main Street, approaching the 405 Freeway. As the suspect approached the 405 Freeway, the Aero Unit deputies advised that they had the suspect in sight and had arrived overhead. The Aero Unit arrived and assumed the responsibility of broadcasting the pursuit at six minutes and 35 seconds after the pursuit had been initiated. Immediately upon the Aero Unit's arrival, the Compton Station Watch Commander, Lieutenant Brian Gellis, #[redacted], directed the units involved to transition to "Surveillance Mode." The three patrol units turned off their red lights and siren and ceased to pursue the suspect's vehicle. The Aero Unit continued to broadcast the suspect's actions, which had entered the city of Carson.

IAB Note: "Surveillance Mode" is the authorized aerial surveillance of a suspect vehicle by an aero unit, after ground units have ceased their vehicle pursuit operation. During the vehicle pursuit Deputy Gutierrez initiated emergent radio traffic, and broadcasted the pursuit. Upon joining the pursuit Deputy Burk assumed the responsibility of broadcasting the pursuit. A Compact Disc containing the recording of the radio traffic, and the Compton Station's Cold Line, is included in this case book. See **Exhibit H**. A map depicting the pursuit route, and the completed Pursuit Evaluation Form is also included, See **Exhibits D and F, Page 3**. The pursuit traveled a distance of approximately 8 miles, and lasted approximately six minutes and 35 seconds.

Approximately one minute after the Surveillance Mode had been initiated; the suspect turned onto Dominguez Street, a residential Cul-de-sac street, and came to a stop. The Aero Unit deputies requested that ground patrol units respond to that area, in anticipation that the suspect was about to exit and run. The suspect then continued traveling east on Dominguez Street, at which point the Aero Unit deputies advised the ground patrol units that the suspect was approaching a dead end.

Compton Station Unit 282E, Deputies Burk and Guthrie responded and positioned themselves behind the suspect's vehicle. The suspect continued and approached the Cul-de-sac at a high rate of speed. The suspect then applied the brakes and turned her vehicle to the left, initiating a U-turn. Unit 282E, which had followed the vehicle, offset themselves to the left of the suspect's vehicle. As the suspect completed her U-turn, her vehicle and the patrol vehicle (Unit 282E) collided. The left side of the suspect's vehicle collided with the left front quarter of the patrol vehicle. The suspect then completed her turn and continued on Dominguez Street, traveling in a westbound direction.

The Aero Unit broadcasted the suspect's actions, and the Compton Station Watch Commander advised the units that they could re-engage in the pursuit of the suspect. The suspect continued on Dominguez Street and transitioned to Jamison Avenue. Unit

282E followed the suspect as she approached Torrance Boulevard. As they entered the intersection of Jamison Avenue and Torrance Boulevard, the suspect again applied her brakes. Unit 282E once again offset themselves to the left of the suspect's vehicle, as both vehicles began to reduce their speed. The suspect once again initiated a left turn, in an apparent attempt to initiate another U-turn. As the suspect turned, her vehicle and the patrol unit (282E) once again collided. The left front quarter panel of the suspect's vehicle collided with the patrol vehicle's front push bar, and both vehicles then came to rest.

IAB Note: Detective Glenn Callaway, #[redacted], of the Traffic Services Bureau, responded to the location and conducted a traffic collision investigation. Detective Callaway documented his findings in a Supplemental Report, which is included in this case book. See **Exhibit B, Page 22**. Based on the fact that the watch commander advised the units to re-engage in the pursuit, an additional Pursuit Evaluation Form was completed by the watch commander. The second pursuit is documented to have lasted one minute and 13 seconds, and traversed .27 miles. See **Exhibit F, Page 1**.

Deputy Burk, the driver of the patrol vehicle, and Deputy Guthrie, the passenger, immediately exited the patrol vehicle. They then detained the suspect, who had remained seated in the driver's seat of her vehicle, at gunpoint. As the suspect was being detained, a deputy involved shooting occurred. Deputy Guthrie fired one round from his duty firearm, which struck above the door handle of the vehicle's driver's side door. The fired round did not strike the suspect. The suspect was then extracted from the vehicle and taken into custody without further incident.

IAB Note: According to Deputies Guthrie and Burk, when the suspect was initially detained at gunpoint she immediately put her hands up. Seconds later she abruptly lowered her hands and upper body which caused Deputy Guthrie to believe she was arming herself. In fear for his life Deputy Guthrie fired one round at the suspect, who then immediately raised her hands again.

Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Lieutenant Todd Weber was notified, and along with Sergeants Carlos Flores and Julien Olivier, responded to the location to conduct an administrative review of the incident. The following review is based on written documentation, interviews of witnesses, involved deputies, and the suspect. Prior to his arrival, IAB Lieutenant Weber advised the Incident Commander, Compton Station Lieutenant Gellis, of the, "No huddling policy."

IAB Note: The term "No huddling policy" refers to the Manual of Policy and Procedure Sections 3-10/300.00 and 3-10/310.00, which state that personnel involved in a shooting shall be transported from the scene, and shall refrain from speaking of the incident among themselves or with uninvolved persons prior to being interviewed by

assigned Departmental investigators. Per IAB protocol, the IAB Lieutenant will remind the incident commander of the policy during an initial telephone conversation, and prior to their (IAB Lieutenant's) arrival to the command post.

IAB SHOOTING / FORCE TEAM

Lieutenant Todd Weber, #[redacted] Sergeant Carlos Flores, #[redacted] and Sergeant Julien Olivier, #[redacted]

Involved Personnel

Scott Guthrie #[redacted]
Central Patrol Division
Compton Station

Date of Employment: 12/26/2006
Date Assigned to Patrol: [redacted]
Date Completed Patrol Training:
Date Assigned to Station:
Prior Shooting Incident(s):
Prior Founded Force:

SUSPECT

Lashelle Ruiz FH/24 09-18-1989

Suspect Ruiz has been arrested on numerous occasions in the past. Offenses include:


[redacted]

IAB Note: Suspect Ruiz' criminal history report is included in this case book. See **Exhibit C**.

EMPLOYEE WITNESSES – (INVOLVED IN VEHICLE PURSUIT)

Roland Burk, #[redacted], Deputy Sheriff
Samuel Gutierrez, #[redacted], Deputy Sheriff
Miguel Garcia, #[redacted] Deputy Sheriff
James Wolfhope, #[redacted] Deputy Sheriff
Brian Barre, #[redacted] Deputy Sheriff

NON-EMPLOYEE WITNESSES

Compton Station detectives and field units canvassed the area for possible witnesses to the shooting. None were found.

IAB Note: Field deputies that conducted the canvass documented their actions and results in a Supplemental Report. See **Exhibit B**.

INJURIES

SUSPECT

None

DEPUTY PERSONNEL

None

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

All physical evidence was collected by the staff of the Scientific Services Bureau.

IAB Note: The staff of the Traffic Services Detail also created a Sketch of the scene, Measurement Data Log, and an Evidence Legend. See **Exhibit E**.

DISTANCE

Deputy Guthrie was approximately eight to ten feet away from the suspect when the shooting occurred.

INVESTIGATOR OBSERVATIONS

The Internal Affairs Bureau investigators arrived to the shooting scene approximately two hours after the shooting incident. Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Sergeant Carlos Flores made the following observations of the scene:

Jamison Avenue is a residential street that travels north and south, and crosses Torrance Boulevard which travels east and west. There were several vehicles parked on the street near the intersection of Jamison Avenue and Torrance Boulevard. There is a "speed dip" on Jamison Avenue, which runs perpendicular to Torrance Boulevard on the south side of the intersection. Both streets have a raised curb and sidewalks.

A sheriff's Department patrol vehicle (#SD7016) was stopped in the west portion of the intersection, facing north on Jamison Avenue. The suspect's vehicle, a stolen 1996 white Honda Civic, Plate Number [redacted] was located directly in front of the patrol vehicle, facing in a south west direction. The two vehicles stopped after making contact. The Honda's left quarter panel made contact with the patrol vehicle's front push bar. There is minor damage to the Honda's left quarter panel and the patrol vehicle's push bar.

The patrol vehicle also appeared to have minor damage to its front left quarter panel and left side of the front bumper, which contained white paint transfer. The white Honda also had damage to its driver's side door, and the molding had been damaged on the rear left quarter panel. The driver's side window was shattered, but was kept from falling out by the window tint. There was a bullet hole just above the driver's side door handle.

Sergeant Flores also responded to the cul-de-sac of Dominguez Street, where the suspect and the patrol vehicle had also collided. That portion of Dominguez Street travels east and west in a residential neighborhood. The street ends near a wash, which is gated by a chained link fence. Skid marks could be seen at the end of the street on the south side, which appeared to lead into curved scuff marks which ran perpendicular to a driveway and curb at the end of the street. Black vehicle molding (belonging to suspect's vehicle) could be seen on the north side of the cul-de-sac.

IAB Note: Scene Photographs are included in this case book. See **Exhibit G**.

REVIEW OF RADIO TRANSMISSIONS

The emergent radio transmission was reviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant Carlos Flores. The following is a description of what can be heard on the radio transmission recording:

IAB Note: A compact Disc containing the recording of the radio broadcast is included in this case book. A recording of the Compton Station's Cold Line is also included. See **Exhibit H**. The recording may be listened to by utilizing the "Windows Media" computer program. It should be noted that times on the recording may change slightly with each playing of the recording. Thus all times mentioned in this portion are approximate.

On the recording Deputy Gutierrez can be heard requesting emergency radio clearance, and advising that he is in pursuit of a "reckless deuce." Deputy Gutierrez also advises that the suspect is traveling westbound on Rosecrans Avenue, "running" red lights, and swerving in and out of traffic. The Sheriff's Communications Center (SCC) dispatcher can then be heard requesting units to respond.

At 00:35 of the recording, Deputy Garcia, Unit 284E, can be heard broadcasting that he is responding. **At 01:00 of the recording**, Deputy Gutierrez broadcasts the

suspect's vehicle's license plate number and updates his location. Deputy Gutierrez states that they are still traveling west on Rosecrans Avenue, approaching "Willowbrook." The SCC dispatcher erroneously states that they are on Rosecrans Avenue approaching "Woodruff," and Deputy Garcia can be heard correcting the error and broadcasting the correct location.

At 02:25 of the recording, Deputy Burk can be heard broadcasting that he has joined the pursuit, and asks Deputy Gutierrez if he wants him to broadcast the pursuit. Throughout the broadcast Deputies Gutierrez and Burk advise of their location, speed and traffic conditions. Throughout the pursuit the deputies advise that traffic is very "light."

At 03:05 of the recording, Deputy Burk can be heard advising of his location, and requesting that the SCC dispatcher advise Carson Station personnel, and well as the California Highway Patrol. He also advises that the suspect continues to run through red traffic lights. **At 03:25 of the recording**, the aero unit (Deputy Barre) can be heard advising that they are approximately one and a half minutes away. Deputy Burk continues updating his location, speed and traffic conditions.

At 04:10 of the recording, Unit 280S broadcasts that he is approximately two minutes away, and Deputy Burk advises that the suspect continues to run through red traffic lights. Deputy Burk also advises that their speeds have reached above 60 miles per hour. Deputy Burk also requests that the Los Angeles Police Department is notified.

At 04:42 of the recording, Deputy Burk advises that the suspect has lost control and has "spun out." He then advises that the suspect has continued south on "Broadway," and advises that the suspect is traveling on both the number one and two lanes. He also advises that their speed continues above 60 miles per hour. **At 05:06 of the recording**, the aero unit (Deputy Barre) can be heard stating that they are approximately 30 seconds away.

At 05:22 of the recording, Deputy Barre broadcasts that they can see the lights of the patrol units, and that they will be in position in a few seconds. **At 05:38 of the recording**, Deputy Burk advises that he is the lead unit in the pursuit due to the fact that the other units have blocked traffic. **At 05:45 of the recording**, the SCC dispatcher advises all units that when the aero unit positions themselves, all other units are to go into "Surveillance Mode." Deputy Barre states that they need a few more seconds to locate the suspect's vehicle.

At 06:18 of the recording, the SCC dispatcher asks if any unit has "spike strips." Deputy Barre states that he has located the suspect's vehicle and is in the process of illuminating it. **At 06:50 of the recording**, Deputy Barre assumes the broadcast responsibility, and advises that the suspect is traveling south on Main Street, traveling below the 405 Freeway. Deputy Barre also advises the patrol units that per the watch commander they are to go into "Surveillance Mode." Deputy Barre advises that the

suspect has continued south on Main Street and is traveling at approximately 65 miles per hour.

At 07:45 of the recording, Deputy Barre advises that the suspect has turned onto eastbound Dominguez Street. **At 07:50 of the recording**, Deputy Barre begins to request that ground units respond to the location because the suspect, "Is getting ready to go" (exit and run). **At 08:00 of the recording**, Deputy Barre states that the suspect is on "Dominguez east of Main," and has pulled the vehicle over on the south side of the street. Deputy Barre then broadcasts that the suspect has again began traveling east, "blacked out," traveling approximately 60 miles per hour.

At 08:24 of the recording, Deputy Barre states that Dominguez is a dead end street, and it appears that the suspect does not know where "he" is at. Deputy Barre continues to request that ground units respond to the location. **At 08:32 of the recording**, Deputy Barre broadcasts that a patrol unit can be seen behind the suspect's vehicle. **At 08:35 of the recording**, Deputy Barre broadcasts that the suspect, "Just 245'd the radio car." Deputy Barre then states that the suspect is traveling west on Dominguez Street.

At 08:57 of the recording, Deputy Burk can be heard advising that the suspect is a female Hispanic, wearing glasses. Deputy Barre broadcasts that the suspect is traveling north on "Jasmine," which is east of "Main," and south of "Torrance." **At 09:15 of the recording,** Deputy Barre broadcasts that the suspect has stopped, and the SCC dispatcher can be heard advising the units that they can re-engage in the pursuit of the vehicle. **At 09:23 of the recording**, Deputy Barre can be heard advising that a unit is detaining the suspect at gun point. Deputy Barre also broadcasts that the suspect is being detained on "Jasmine" and Torrance Boulevard. He then corrects himself and advises that the suspect is being detained on "Jamison" and Torrance Boulevard.

Deputy Barre directs the assisting units to the location and advises that the deputies are facing in a northwest direction. **At 10:54 of the recording**, Unit 280S advises that they are on scene (10-97). **At 11:23 of the recording**, a deputy can be heard broadcasting that they are, "Code four," and that they have one suspect in custody. The fact that a deputy involved shooting had occurred was not broadcasted.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The incident occurred during night time hours (0308), on a clear, dry, and warm early morning.

WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL

Deputy Guthrie's firearm is a "Smith and Wesson" 9mm Semi-Automatic Pistol, Model "M&P."

IAB Note: Deputy Guthrie's firearm was examined by the staff of the Scientific Services Bureau, and found to be fully functional. A firearm

examination report is included in this case book. See **Miscellaneous Documents**.

WEAPON USED BY SUSPECT

Suspect Ruiz was not in possession of a weapon when the shooting occurred.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

There is minor damage to the Honda's left quarter panel and the patrol vehicle's push bar, caused when the vehicles collided and ultimately came to rest. The patrol vehicle also appears to have minor damage to its front left quarter panel and left side of the front bumper, which contains white paint transfer. The white Honda also has damage to its driver's side door, and the molding has been damaged on the rear left quarter panel. The driver's side window is shattered, but was kept from falling out by the window tint. There is a bullet hole just above the driver's side door handle.

IAB Note: Photographs of the two vehicles are included in this case book. See **Exhibit G**.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR/CHARGES FILED

Investigators: Detective Raymond Munoz, #[redacted] Compton Sheriff's Station.

Charges: Assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer, reckless evading peace officer, driving vehicle without owner's consent, driving with a suspended license.

IAB Note: Suspect Ruiz was arraigned on July 14, 2014, in Compton Court. The District Attorney filed charges of assault and evading a peace officer. On July 28, 2014, Suspect Ruiz entered a plea agreement, and she was sentenced to a total of four years in state prison.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE STATEMENTS

Scott Guthrie #[redacted] Deputy Sheriff

Deputy Guthrie was interviewed on February 20, 2015, at 1353 hours, by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants Carlos Flores and David Ladjevic. The interview was conducted at the Internal Affairs Bureau, and was digitally audio recorded. Deputy Guthrie was represented by Attorney Amanda Waters.

Deputy Guthrie stated that he authored a Supplemental Report on the day of the incident. He stated that his report is a thorough, complete and truthful account of the incident.

IAB Note: A copy of Deputy Guthrie's report is included in this case book. See **Exhibit B, Page 4**.

Deputy Guthrie stated that on July 10, 2014, he was working Unit 282E with his partner, and [redacted] Deputy Burk. He said that he had been in patrol for approximately [redacted] when this incident occurred. Deputy Guthrie stated that Deputy Burk was driving their patrol vehicle that morning.

Deputy Guthrie said he heard on the radio that Deputy Gutierrez was involved in a pursuit of a reckless drunk driver. He said it took approximately two to three minutes to join the pursuit, and upon their arrival he observed that Deputy Garcia had also joined the pursuit. He said that besides him and his partner, and Deputies Garcia and Gutierrez, no other deputies joined the pursuit. Deputy Guthrie stated that he observed that the suspect was driving with complete disregard for the public's safety. He said he saw the suspect drive through red traffic lights without braking, and was also utilizing multiple traffic lanes. He also stated that the suspect's speed was excessive for that area, and approximated that she was traveling between 50 and 60 miles per hour.

Deputy Guthrie stated that Deputy Burk began broadcasting the pursuit. He said that Deputy Burk, as well as the other two units, was stopping and clearing intersections, as the suspect drove through them without braking. He said that at one point during a clearance of an intersection, they became the lead vehicle in the pursuit. Deputy Guthrie stated that based on the suspect's erratic driving, and her disregard for the public's safety, he believes they were well within policy to continue their pursuit of the suspect. Deputy Guthrie stated that the traffic conditions were light, and the weather was clear and dry.

Deputy Guthrie stated that when the aero unit arrived overhead, they were directed to transition to "Surveillance Mode." He said that they "shut down" their lights and siren, and slowed their patrol vehicle down. He said they continued traveling south on Main Street, but lost sight of the suspect's vehicle. He said they kept a visual on the aero unit, as it continued following the suspect. He said that deputies Garcia and Gutierrez also terminated their pursuit of the suspect, but does not know where they went when they transitioned to "Surveillance Mode."

Deputy Guthrie stated that the aero unit began requesting that a patrol unit respond to Dominguez Street. He said the suspect had driven onto Dominguez Street, which they eventually became aware ended in a Cul-de-sac. Deputy Guthrie stated that Deputy Burk followed behind the suspect, as she approached the Cul-de-sac. He said that upon approaching the Cul-de-sac, the suspect initiated a U-turn, causing her vehicle to collide with the patrol vehicle. He said that he believes that their patrol vehicle was at a stop, or at a very "slow roll" when the collision occurred. He said the patrol vehicle collided with the front left quarter panel of the suspect's vehicle. Deputy Guthrie stated that he believed the suspect's actions were deliberate, and she was trying to hit their vehicle and hurt him and his partner.

Deputy Guthrie stated that immediately following the collision, the suspect continued and began traveling west on Dominguez Street. He said Deputy Burk also initiated a U-turn and followed behind the suspect. He said the suspect approached the intersection of Jamison Avenue and Torrance Boulevard, and they followed. He said Deputy Burk entered the intersection on the left side of Jamison Avenue, due to the speed dips on the street. He said that as they came to a stop, the suspect initiated another U-turn, a maneuver similar to the one she had made on Dominguez Street. He said the suspect collided with their patrol vehicle and came to a stop.

Deputy Guthrie stated that upon the suspect coming to a stop, he and Deputy Burk immediately exited their patrol vehicle. He said he illuminated the suspect with the tactical flashlight on his firearm, and could clearly see the suspect inside the vehicle. He said he then began shouting commands to her to put her hands up, and she complied. He said he then moved to his right, away from the "V" of his patrol vehicle's passenger side door.

Deputy Guthrie stated that as he detained the suspect at gunpoint, the suspect suddenly dropped her hands and moved her body forward. He said that it appeared that the suspect was reaching underneath her car seat, and he believed she was retrieving a firearm. Deputy Guthrie stated that fearing for his life and the life of his partner; he fired a round at the suspect with his firearm. He said that the round struck the vehicle and caused the passenger side window to "spider." He said he then saw the suspect immediately raise her hands over her head. Deputy Guthrie stated that based on the fact that the suspect immediately raised her hands, he did not fire an additional round.

Deputy Guthrie stated that when he fired the round, there was nothing in his field of fire, and nothing between him and the suspect's vehicle. He said he knew that based on his positioning, his backdrop was a six to eight foot high brick wall. He said that he utilized his sights, as well as the tactical light on his firearm, when he fired. Deputy Guthrie stated that at the time of the shooting, there were no other vehicles or pedestrians in the area. He said that there were no other deputies there besides himself and Deputy Burk.

Deputy Guthrie stated that based on the suspect's actions immediately after he fired the round, he believed the suspect had not been struck by his fired round. He said that they then extracted the suspect from the passenger side door, at which point he confirmed that she had not been struck.

IAB Note: During his interview Deputy Guthrie was shown a sketch and photographs of the crime scene. He was asked to mark where he, Deputy Burk, and the suspect were positioned when the shooting incident occurred. The sketch and photographs are included with his interview transcript. He was also shown a map of the area which displays the area and streets traversed during the vehicle pursuit. Deputy Guthrie stated that the map was an accurate depiction of the pursuit route. The map utilized during the interview is also included with Deputy Guthrie's interview transcript.

For his complete statements refer to Deputy Guthrie's interview transcripts, included in this case book.

EMPLOYEE WITNESSES

Roland Burk, #[redacted], Deputy Sheriff

Deputy Burk was interviewed on February 20, 2015, at 1231 hours, by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants Carlos Flores and David Ladjevic. The interview was conducted at the Internal Affairs Bureau, and was digitally audio recorded. Deputy Burk was represented by Attorney Amanda Waters.

Deputy Burk stated that he authored a Supplemental Report on the day of the incident. He stated that his report is a thorough, complete and truthful account of the incident.

> **IAB Note:** A copy of Deputy Burk's report is included in this case book. See **Exhibit B, Page 1**.

Deputy Burk stated that on July 10, 2014, he was working Unit 282E, with his partner, Deputy Scott Guthrie. Deputy Burk stated that on that date, he was Deputy Guthrie's [redacted], and he believes it was Deputy Guthrie's [redacted] Deputy Burk stated that he heard Deputy Gutierrez broadcast on the radio that he was in pursuit of a reckless drunk driver. He said he responded and eventually joined in the pursuit of the suspect. Deputy Burk stated that he was driving the patrol vehicle that morning, and joined the pursuit in order to provide assistance. He stated that he believes he joined the pursuit when he reached Central Avenue and Rosecrans Avenue.

Deputy Burk stated that besides Deputy Gutierrez, Deputy Miguel Garcia was also involved in the pursuit. He stated that during the duration of the pursuit, only three units were involved. He stated that the traffic conditions were light, and the weather was clear, with dry streets. He said the suspect's speeds varied between 50 to 60 miles per hour, and drove through red traffic lights with no attempt to slow down. Deputy Burk stated that the suspect was able to increase the distance between her and the deputies because they (deputies) had to stop and clear all intersections. Deputy Burk stated that shortly after he joined the pursuit, he began to broadcast the pursuit on the radio.

Deputy Burk stated that based on the suspect's actions, and the lack of vehicle traffic, he believed that he was well within policy to join and continue his pursuit of the suspect. He stated that all the information that he broadcasted in regards to the pursuit was accurate. Deputy Burk stated that he was aware that the aero unit was responding, and he also became aware that they were going to transition to "Surveillance Mode" upon the aero unit's arrival. He said he heard the aero unit deputy advise that they could see the patrol units, but needed a little more time in order to identify the suspect's vehicle. He said that when the aero unit was in position and had joined the pursuit, they

transitioned to "Surveillance Mode." He said he and the other patrol units shut off their lights and siren and "backed off." Deputy Burk said he continued south on Main Street, well below the speed limit, and eventually lost sight of the suspect's vehicle. He said that he then maintained an observation of the aero unit.

Deputy Burk stated that the aero unit began asking units to respond to their location, which was on Dominguez Street. He said that based on the aero unit's request, he responded. He said that the aero unit was broadcasting that the suspect had stopped, and they believed the suspect was going to exit the vehicle and run. Deputy Burk said that as he turned onto Dominguez Street he saw the suspect's vehicle. He said that as he approached the vehicle, the suspect accelerated and began traveling toward the dead end.

Deputy Burk said he momentarily lost sight of the suspect's vehicle as it traveled on Dominguez Street. He said that not being familiar with the area, he was not certain how long the block on Dominguez Street was. He said that as he regained sight of the suspect's vehicle, he saw that she was braking. He said that in order to avoid colliding with the rear of the suspect's vehicle, he offset his patrol vehicle approximately one car length to the left of the suspect. He said that the maneuver was not planned, but an improvisation based on the suspect's actions.

Deputy Burk stated that as he was coming to a stop, the suspect initiated a U-turn, traveling in front of his patrol vehicle. He said that her vehicle collided with his patrol unit, making contact on the push bumpers on the left side, and accelerated past the patrol vehicle on the driver's side. Deputy Burk stated that he believes that he had completely stopped the patrol vehicle when the suspect collided with him. Deputy Burk said that the Cul-de-sac was wide enough for the suspect to have been able to initiate her turn without colliding with the patrol vehicle. He said he believes the suspect's actions were intentional, and at the time believed that the suspect was being assaultive, utilizing her vehicle.

Deputy Burk stated that immediately after the two cars collided, the suspect continued and began to travel west on Dominguez Street. Deputy Burk stated that he followed the suspect, and they approached the intersection of Jamison Avenue and Torrance Boulevard. He said that he saw the suspect enter the intersection and he followed. He said that the street had speed dips, which caused him to enter the intersection on the left side of Jamison Avenue in order to avoid "tearing up the bottom" of the patrol unit. He said that as he came to a stop, the suspect had again initiated a U-turn, in an apparent attempt to "double back" on Jamison Avenue, or drive onto Torrance Boulevard. Deputy Burk stated that the suspect's vehicle again struck the patrol unit, and came to a stop.

Deputy Burk stated that upon the suspect stopping her vehicle, he and Deputy Guthrie immediately exited their patrol unit. He stated that he heard Deputy Guthrie shouting commands at the suspect, and the suspect put her hands up. He said that he observed the suspect looking in the direction of where Deputy Guthrie was standing, which was

close to the passenger's side door of the patrol vehicle. Deputy Burk stated that the suspect then lowered her hands and moved her body forward within the confines of the vehicle. Deputy Burk said he lost sight of the suspect's hands, at which point he heard Deputy Guthrie fire one round from his firearm.

Deputy Burk stated that immediately after he heard the gunshot, he saw the suspect put her hands back up over her head. He said he could hear the aero unit directing patrol units into the area, and he could hear the approaching patrol units' sirens. He said the suspect was then extracted from the vehicle through the passenger side door. He said the suspect was compliant, and had not been struck by the gunshot.

Deputy Burk stated that he understood why Deputy Guthrie fired his weapon. He said it was obvious, based on the suspect's actions, that Deputy Guthrie perceived a threat and reacted. He said that though he (Burk) too perceived a threat, he had decided to "wait another split second" to see what the suspect "came up with." Deputy Burk stated that he clearly saw the suspect's actions, and had plenty of lighting from the aero unit's light overhead.

IAB Note: During his interview Deputy Burk was shown a sketch and photographs of the crime scene. He was asked to mark where he, Deputy Guthrie, and the suspect were positioned when the shooting incident occurred. The sketch and photographs are included with his interview transcript. He was also shown a map of the area which displays the area and streets traversed during the vehicle pursuit. Deputy Burk stated that the map was an accurate depiction of the pursuit route. The map utilized during the interview is also included with Deputy Burk's interview transcript.

For his complete statements refer to Deputy Burk interview transcripts, included in this case book.

Samuel Gutierrez, #[redacted] Deputy Sheriff

Deputy Gutierrez was interviewed on February 20, 2015, at 1033 hours, by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants Carlos Flores and David Ladjevic. The interview was conducted at the Internal Affairs Bureau, and was digitally audio recorded. Deputy Gutierrez was represented by Attorney Amanda Waters.

Deputy Gutierrez stated that he authored an Incident Report on the day of the incident. He stated that his report is a thorough, complete and truthful account of the incident.

IAB Note: A copy of Deputy Gutierrez' report is included in this case book. See **Exhibit A**.

Deputy Gutierrez stated that when he first saw the suspect, she was traveling at a high rate of speed through a residential area. He said she was traveling at approximately 70

miles per hour, and drove through the stop sign at Thorson Avenue and Mcmillan Street without stopping. He said the suspect then drove through the red traffic light at Thorson Avenue and Rosecrans Avenue. Deputy Gutierrez stated that the suspect was driving with no regard for anyone's safety.

Deputy Gutierrez stated that he attempted to stop the vehicle by turning on his vehicle's red lights and siren. He said the suspect continued driving, ignoring his efforts to stop her. He said the suspect continued to drive through red traffic lights. Deputy Gutierrez stated that Deputy Garcia joined the pursuit almost immediately, and Deputies Burk and Guthrie joined when they reached Rosecrans Avenue and Central Avenue. Deputy Gutierrez stated that no other deputies or sergeants joined the pursuit at any time.

Deputy Gutierrez stated that during the pursuit the suspect continued driving erratically, not stopping at red traffic lights or stop signs. He said that on several occasions the suspect drove on the wrong side of the street. He said that the suspect was able to put distance between her and the pursuing deputies because they (deputies) had to stop and clear every intersection. Deputy Gutierrez stated that based on how the suspect was driving; he believed she was under the influence of a narcotic or alcohol. He said that based on the suspect's actions, he believed he was well within policy to initiate and continue his pursuit of the suspect. Deputy Gutierrez stated that the suspect's speeds fluctuated between 40 and 70 miles per hour, and traffic conditions were light. He said that all the information that he broadcasted on the radio, and the information broadcasted by Deputy Burk, was accurate.

Deputy Gutierrez stated that when the aero unit arrived overhead, the patrol units were ordered to transition to "Surveillance Mode." He said he disengaged and turned onto eastbound Del Amo Boulevard, as the suspect continued south. He said that when he turned onto Del Amo Boulevard, he believed that he would be able to find a southbound street in order to parallel the suspect's direction of travel. He said that since he was not familiar with the area he, "Ended up getting turned in a different direction." He said Deputy Garcia had also made the same turn onto Del Amo Boulevard, but was not sure where Deputies Burk and Guthrie went. Deputy Gutierrez said he could see the aero unit, and began hearing them (aero unit) directing units to where the suspect was. He said he also heard that the Compton Station watch commander directed the patrol units to re-engage in the pursuit.

Deputy Gutierrez stated that he arrived to Jamison Avenue and Torrance Boulevard approximately two minutes after the terminus of the second pursuit. He said that upon his arrival he saw that the suspect had already been handcuffed and was being searched. He said that shortly after his arrival he was told that a deputy had fired a round at the suspect. He said that the suspect did not appear hurt in any way. Deputy Gutierrez said he did not witness the shooting incident.

IAB Note: During his interview Deputy Gutierrez was shown a map of the area which displays the area and streets traversed during the vehicle pursuit. Deputy Gutierrez stated that the map was an accurate

depiction of the pursuit route. The map utilized during the interview is included with Deputy Gutierrez' interview transcript.

For his complete statements refer to Deputy Gutierrez' interview transcripts, included in this case book.

Miguel Garcia, #[redacted] Deputy Sheriff

Deputy Garcia was interviewed on February 20, 2015, at 1126 hours, by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants Carlos Flores and David Ladjevic. The interview was conducted at the Internal Affairs Bureau, and was digitally audio recorded. Deputy Garcia was represented by Attorney Amanda Waters.

Deputy Garcia stated that when Deputy Gutierrez became involved in the pursuit of the suspect, he (Garcia) was close by. He said he heard Deputy Gutierrez broadcast that he was pursuing a "reckless deuce." He said he joined the pursuit approximately 30 seconds after Deputy Gutierrez initiated it. Deputy Garcia said he later saw that Unit 282E, Deputies Burk and Guthrie joined the pursuit as well. He said that besides himself, Deputy Gutierrez, and Deputies Burk and Guthrie, no other deputies became involved in the pursuit.

Deputy Garcia stated that the suspect was driving erratically. He said she was driving through red traffic lights, and several times drove on the wrong side of the street. He said that at one point during the pursuit, the suspect "spun out," but regained control and continued evading. Deputy Garcia said the suspect's speeds varied between 40 and 60 miles per hour. He said that though the suspect drove through the red traffic lights; he and the other deputies cleared the intersections prior to driving through. He said there was very little traffic during the pursuit.

Deputy Garcia stated that based on the suspect's reckless actions, she posed a threat to the public, thus it was important to stop her. He said that he believed their pursuit of the suspect was well within policy. He said that when the aero unit arrived overhead, they were ordered to transition to "Surveillance Mode." He said he terminated his pursuit, and turned off his lights and siren. Deputy Garcia said he made a turn onto eastbound Del Amo Boulevard, following Deputy Gutierrez, who had also terminated his pursuit. Deputy Garcia stated that he was not familiar with the area, which caused him to rely on his map in order to find his way. He said he could see the aero unit, and then heard the aero unit directing a patrol unit to Dominguez Street. Deputy Garcia said he was delayed in his response to where the pursuit terminated due to the Global Positioning System (GPS) being "down" in his vehicle's computer. He said he eventually arrived to the terminus of the second pursuit by watching the aero unit.

Deputy Garcia said that when he arrived to Jamison Avenue and Torrance Boulevard, the female suspect was already in custody. He said he was then directed by Deputy Burk to place crime tape around the area. He said that a short time later he was advised

that a deputy involved shooting had occurred, but that the suspect had not been hit. Deputy Garcia said he did not witness the shooting incident.

IAB Note: During his interview Deputy Garcia was shown a map of the area which displays the area and streets traversed during the vehicle pursuit. Deputy Garcia stated that the map was an accurate depiction of the pursuit route. The map utilized during the interview is included with Deputy Garcia's interview transcript.

For his complete statements refer to Deputy Garcia's interview transcripts, included in this case book.

Brian Barre, #[redacted] Deputy Sheriff

Deputy Barre was interviewed on January 21, 2015, at 1648 hours, by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant Carlos Flores. The interview was conducted at the Aero Bureau offices in the city of La Verne, and was digitally audio recorded.

Deputy Barre stated that he has been a member of the Sheriff's Department for approximately [redacted] years, and has been assigned to the Aero Bureau for almost [redacted] years. He stated that he serves as the "Tactical Flight Deputy" (observer). Deputy Barre stated that during a tactical situation in which the aero unit becomes involved, the pilot's responsibility is to provide, and maintain, the best "field of view" for the observer.

Deputy Barre stated that on July 10, 2014, he and his partner, working Aero Unit 24, became involved in a vehicle pursuit which had been initiated in the city of Compton. He said that as they arrived, he could see two, possibly three patrol units involved in the pursuit. He said that though they saw the deputies' vehicles, it took some time for them (aero unit) to get into proper position in order to begin broadcasting the pursuit. Deputy Barre stated that the suspect was driving very erratically, utilizing multiple lanes, swerving, and making evasive maneuvers. He said he estimated her speeds at 60 miles per hour, and the traffic was light.

Deputy Barre stated that upon positioning themselves over the suspect's vehicle, he advised the ground units and SCC that they were overhead. He stated that immediately upon their arrival they transitioned to "Surveillance Mode," per the Compton Station watch commander. He said that upon transitioning to "Surveillance Mode" he could no longer see the pursuing units, which indicated to him that they had terminated their pursuit of the suspect.

Deputy Barre stated that he observed the suspect drive onto Dominguez Street, which was a street that ended in a Cul-de-sac. He said that upon requesting that ground units respond to Dominguez Street, he saw one unit also come onto the street. Deputy Barre said he saw the suspect's vehicle approach the dead end and begin applying the brakes, as a patrol unit approached. He said the suspect then made an abrupt U-turn and collided with the patrol unit. Deputy Barre said the suspect "rammed" the patrol unit

and then accelerated and continued westbound on Dominguez Street. He said it appeared to him that the suspect's action of colliding with the patrol unit was a deliberate act.

Deputy Barre stated that the suspect then continued onto Jamison Avenue, which appeared to be another dead end street. He said the suspect again applied the brakes and made a similar maneuver that she made on Dominguez Street. Deputy Barre said the suspect made a U-turn and again struck the patrol unit which had approached. Deputy Barre said that once the two vehicles made contact they came to a stop. He said he then saw a deputy exit the passenger side of the vehicle and detain the suspect at gunpoint. He said he could not see what the suspect was doing, and was not aware that a deputy had fired his weapon.

Deputy Barre stated that due to the fact that the pursuit ended in the city of Carson, he had to spend much of his time directing the Compton units to the area. He said that he did not see when the deputies actually took the suspect into custody. Deputy Barre said he believed the pursuit went "quite smooth," and the radio traffic he was hearing prior to their (aero unit) arrival was proper.

Deputy Barre stated that he became aware that a deputy involved shooting occurred during that incident when Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant Flores had recently contacted him (January of 2015). He said that had he known that a deputy had been involved in a shooting, he would have entered the information in his log.

IAB Note: A copy of Deputy Barre's log is included in this case book. See **Miscellaneous Documents**. The log does not include any information about a deputy involved shooting.

For his complete statements refer to Deputy Barre's interview transcript, included in this case book.

James Wolfhope, #[redacted], Deputy Sheriff

Deputy Wolfhope was interviewed on January 21, 2015, at 1723 hours, by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant Carlos Flores. The interview was conducted at the Aero Bureau offices in the city of La Verne, and was digitally audio recorded.

Deputy Wolfhope stated that he has been a member of the Sheriff's Department for [redacted] years. He stated that he has been assigned to the Aero Bureau, as a helicopter pilot, for [redacted] years. Deputy Wolfhope stated that when they become involved in vehicle pursuits, they typically fly at an elevation of between 300 and 500 feet. He said that as the pilot, his focus during a vehicle pursuit is to position the helicopter in order to give his partner, the observer, the best possible view. He said that sometimes he is able to also view what is occurring on the ground with the pursuit, and other times he cannot.

Deputy Wolfhope stated that on July 10, 2014, he and his partner did get involved in a vehicle pursuit that had been initiated in the city of Compton. He said that they arrived overhead of the suspect and pursuing deputies, close to the 405 Freeway. He said the pursuit was entering into the city of Carson area when they arrived. He said that upon their arrival, "Surveillance Mode" was initiated. He said the ground units backed away from the pursuit, and they (aero unit) began to "surveil" the suspect's vehicle. Deputy Wolfhope stated that he remembers seeing two patrol units involved in the pursuit when they arrived overhead.

Deputy Wolfhope stated that when he saw the suspect's vehicle, it appeared that the vehicle's speed was fluctuating. He said the suspect accelerated to approximately 65 miles per hour, and then slowed down. He said the suspect was swerving and driving on the number one and two lanes, and eventually turned onto eastbound Dominguez Street. Deputy Wolfhope stated that he observed the suspect drive into the Cul-de-sac and make a U-turn. He said that as the suspect made the U-turn, it collided with a patrol vehicle which had also stopped in the Cul-de-sac. He said it was hard for him to determine if the suspect had intentionally struck the patrol vehicle, but the suspect did not stop after the collision.

Deputy Wolfhope stated that the suspect continued westbound on Dominguez Street and eventually transitioned to Jamison Avenue, which was another Cul-de-sac street. He said he then saw a patrol vehicle stop behind the suspect's vehicle when they reached the intersection of Jamison Avenue and Torrance Boulevard. He said the patrol vehicle stopped to the side of the suspect's vehicle, which again made another U-turn. He said that it appeared that the suspect ran out of turning radius, which caused her to come "nose to nose" with the patrol vehicle. He said that it appeared that the vehicles did collide, but it was, "Not much of a collision." He said the vehicles then came to rest.

Deputy Wolfhope stated that the deputies in the patrol vehicle exited the vehicle and detained the suspect at gunpoint. He said he was not able to see what the suspect was doing, and he was not aware that a deputy involved shooting had occurred. Deputy Wolfhope stated that he was not certain on when he was advised that a deputy involved shooting had occurred, but believes it might have been on the way back to the airport, or after they had landed.

For his complete statements refer to Deputy Wolfhope's interview transcript, included in this case book.

SUSPECT'S STATEMENTS

Suspect Ruiz was interviewed by Compton Station Detective Raymond Munoz, #[redacted] on July 10, 2014 (Day of incident), at 1054 hours. The interview was conducted at the Century Regional Detention Facility, and was digitally audio recorded.

Suspect Ruiz stated that a friend by the name of "Chuey" had lent her the vehicle. Later, when confronted with the information that the vehicle had been stolen, she stated that

she had been the one who stole it. She then said that "Chuey" did not exist. Suspect Ruiz said that she evaded the deputies because she thought she had warrants, and because she was driving a stolen vehicle. Suspect Ruiz said she did not intend to collide with the deputies' vehicle, but did not care if they had gotten hurt while trying to arrest her.

Suspect Ruiz stated that when her car finally came to a stop, she immediately put the vehicle in "park," and raised her hands over her head. She said she did not lower her hands for any reason. Suspect Ruiz stated that she smokes Methamphetamines every day, and smoked Methamphetamines several hours prior to the pursuit and her arrest.

IAB Note: Detective Munoz summarized his interview with Suspect Ruiz in a Supplemental Report. A copy of that report is included in this case book. See **Exhibit B, Page 18**. A recording of Suspect Ruiz' interview is also included. See **Exhibit I**. IAB Sergeant Flores reviewed the audio recording of the suspect's interview. Sergeant Flores found Detective Munoz' report to be consistent with what Suspect Ruiz told him during the interview.

After her conviction in court, Suspect Ruiz was transported and housed at the California Institute for Women, in the city of Chino. She was subsequently transported to the Rainbow Conservation Camp. Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant Flores, with the assistance of Lieutenant [redacted], and Sergeant [redacted], of the California Department of Corrections, attempted to conduct a telephonic interview with Suspect Ruiz. Suspect Ruiz refused to be interviewed and stated that she wanted to be left alone.